

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed on November 17, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2005.

Claims 16-36 and 54-60 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a subsequent application directed to the subject matter of these claims. The pending claims are claims 1-15, 37-53, 61 and 62, which the Examiner has indicated are allowed.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 16-20, 25-33, 35-36, 54, 56-57, and 59 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sasin et al. (U.S. 6,011,830). The cancellation of claims 16-36 and 54-60 render this rejection moot. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 21-22, 24, and 34 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasin et al. in view of Tiedmann, Jr. et al. (U.S. 5,802,105). Claim 23 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasin et al. in view of Tiedmann, Jr. et al. and Matusevich et al. (U.S. 6,535,733). Claim 55 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasin et al. in view of Matusevich et al. Claims 58 and 60 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasin et al. in view of Alajoki et al. (U.S. 6,285,875). The cancellation of claims 16-36 and 54-60 render these rejections moot. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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